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| Claudio LACAGNINA et al. |) |
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| For: TYRE FOR VEHICLE WHEELS WITH REINFORCED BEAD STRUCTURE |))) |
| Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

<u>Amendments to the Claims</u> are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 9 of this paper.

An Attachment follows page 9 of this paper. The Attachment includes an Abstract of the Disclosure labeled as page 16.